

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program – Brazil

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities in Brazil to assist in selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent FAO trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 15 Months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: January through March/April of the following year.

(3) Program Description: Two FAOs conduct ICT in Brazil each year, both attending the first year of the Brazilian Army Command and Staff College (Escola de Comando e Estado Maior do Exercito) in Rio de Janeiro.

(a) FAOs conduct regional travel after completion of the course.

(b) Language Instruction Availability: Officers begin both courses by attending Portuguese Language Training conducted by the Brazilian Army in January.

(4) Prerequisites: MAJ or CPT; branch immaterial; Portuguese DLPT 2/2.

b. POVs: Each FAO is authorized shipment of one POV. Due to long shipment times (approximately 2-4 months), FAOs should ship early or consider purchasing a used vehicle in country.

c. Household Goods: FAOs are authorized full JFTR. Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage. Approximately 2-4 months to receive household goods.

d. Housing: Officer receives Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and must arrange for privately leased housing. Before signing a lease, FAOs must ensure housing meets all Embassy requirements. Average time to find and move into a place has been 1-3 months. The best way to find a house or apartment is to get out and visit each condominium in the area where you want to live.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: Consulate has weekly doctors. Doctor comes in Monday afternoons and Friday mornings. Recommend using Tricare. Several good doctors are available throughout Rio.

(2) Dependent Schooling: American, British and Catholic schools are available with English curriculum. Most families use the "American School" located in the neighborhood of Covea, close to Ipanema and Leblon, where most FAOs live.

(3) PX/Commissary: Military Commissary support once a month from Charleston, SC.

(4) APO: A full service APO is available at the Consulate. Normal postal regulations for size and weight apply.

f. Rating Chain:

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3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

a. Bring Advanced Course, CAS3, and CGSC materials. ICT provides a good opportunity to complete them and they also serve as valuable references while attending school.

b. FAOs should bring complete array of military uniforms.

c. A third officer, board selected, attends the first year of CGSC under the Schools of Other Nations program. This officer receives MEL-4 credit. If the officer is a fully qualified FAO, no additional time or funding will be provided for regional travel. If the officer is a FAO but has not conducted ICT, the officer may be provided additional time and funding to fulfill qualification objectives. FAOs attending the first year of CGSC as part of ICT do not receive MEL-4 credit, but can request retroactive MEL-4 upon selection for CGSC.

c. Regional Travel Priorities:

(1) Priority One: Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela.

(2) Priority Two: Other South America countries.

(3) Priority Three: Central America, Mexico

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